

House Amendment

The House amendment would provide the Secretary with the authority to remove or demote any individual from the SES if the Secretary determines the performance of the individual warrants such removal and requires the Secretary to notify Congress within 30 days of removing or demoting a senior executive under this authority.

Conference Agreement

The Conference substitute generally adopts the Senate provision with an amendment to change the level of review at the MSPB. The substitute requires that the expedited review by the MSPB be conducted by an Administrative Judge at the MSPB, and if the MSPB Administrative Judge does not conclude their review within 21 days then the removal or demotion is final. The substitute does not allow for any further appeal beyond the Administrative Judge, and does not allow for a second level review by the three-person board at the MSPB. The substitute also requires that if the senior executive is removed, and then appeals VA's decision, the senior executive is not entitled to any type of pay, bonus, or benefit while appealing the decision of removal. Furthermore, the substitute requires that if a senior executive is demoted, and then appeals VA's decision, the employee may only receive any type of pay, bonus, or benefit at the rate appropriate for the position they were demoted to, and only if the individual shows up for duty, while appealing the decision of demotion. The substitute requires that the MSPB submit to Congress a plan within 14 days of enactment of how the expedited review would be implemented. The substitute also adds language to include title 38 SES equivalents under this new authority and includes "misconduct" along with "poor performance" as a reason to remove or demote a senior executive.

TITLE VIII—OTHER MATTERS

APPROPRIATION OF AMOUNTS

Current Law

Congress uses an appropriation to provide funding for discretionary spending programs of the Federal government.

Senate Amendment

The Senate amendment would authorize and appropriate for FYs 2014, 2015, and 2016, the emergency funds necessary to carry out this Act.

In addition, the Senate amendment would make available, at the end of FYs 2014 and 2015, unobligated balances in VA's medical care accounts (medical services, medical support and compliance, and medical facilities) for the hiring of additional health care professionals.

House Amendment

The House amendment contained no similar provision.

Conference Agreement

The Conference substitute authorizes and appropriates \$5 billion to increase veterans access to care through the hiring of physicians and other medical staff and by improving VA's physical infrastructure.

VETERANS CHOICE FUND

Current Law

There is no provision of law establishing a Veterans Choice Fund.

Senate Amendment

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

House Amendment

The House amendment contained no similar provision.

Conference Agreement

The Conference substitute establishes in the Treasury a fund to be known as the Vet-

erans Choice Fund to carry out the expanded availability of hospital care and medical services for veterans created by section 101 of the Conference substitute. The Conference substitute also authorizes and appropriates \$10 billion for deposit in the Veterans Choice Fund.

EMERGENCY DESIGNATIONS

Current Law

Congress may exempt the budgetary effects of a provision from certain enforcement procedures by designating it as an emergency requirement. An emergency designation causes the spending and revenue effects estimated to result from such bills as exempt for purposes of enforcing budget procedures.

Senate Amendment

The Senate amendment would designate this Act as an emergency requirement under the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 and the Concurrent Resolution on the budget for FY 2010.

House Amendment

The House amendment contained no similar provision.

Conference Agreement

The Conference substitute adopts the Senate provision.

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COMPLIANCE WITH RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE REGARDING EARMARKS AND CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING ITEMS

Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives and rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, neither this Conference report nor the accompanying joint statement of Conferees contains any congressional earmarks, congressionally directed spending items, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits, as defined in such rules.

For consideration of the House amendment and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

JEFF MILLER of Florida,
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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 8 of rule XXII, the filing of the conference report on H.R. 3230 has vitiated the motion to instruct offered by the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. RAHALL), which was debated on July 25, 2014, and on which further proceedings were postponed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CULBERSON (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today on account of family obligations.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 3212. An act to ensure compliance with the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction by countries with which the United States enjoys reciprocal obligations, to establish procedures for the prompt return of children abducted to other countries, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 517. An act to promote consumer choice and wireless competition by permitting consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 28 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, July 29, 2014, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

6640. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's "Major" final rule — Money Market Fund Reform: Amendments to Form PF [Release No.: 33-9616, IA-3879; IC-31166; FR-84; File No. S7-03-13] (RIN: 3235-AK61) received July 24, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6641. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final priorities. National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research—Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers [CDFA Numbers: 84.133B-6 and 84.133B-7] [ED-2014-OSERS-0012] received July 22, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6642. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final priority. National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research—Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers [CDFA Number: 84.133P-5] [Docket ID: ED-2014-OSERS-0011] received July 22, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6643. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Department of Education Acquisition Regulation [Docket ID: ED-2013-OCFO-0078] (RIN: 1890-AA18) received July 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6644. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final priorities, requirements, and definitions—Charter Schools Program (CSP) Grants for National Leadership Activities [CDFA Number: 84.282N] received July 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6645. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting Transmittal No. 14-24, Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer and Acceptance, pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6646. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a waiver determination; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6647. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process that was declared in Executive Order 12947 of January 23, 1995; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6648. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report on armed forces support to the security of the U.S. personnel in Libya; (H. Doc. No. 113—138); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

6649. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule — Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program; Qualifying Life Event Amendments (RIN: 3206-AM57) July 24, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6650. A letter from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts,

transmitting the 2013 Report of Statistics Required by the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6651. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone, Atlantic Ocean; Ocean City, NJ [Docket No.: USCG-2014-0494] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 17, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6652. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zones; Annual Events in the Captain of the Port Zone Buffalo [Docket No.: USCG-2014-0081] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 17, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6653. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Independence Day Celebration Fireworks, Lake Ontario, Oswego, NY [Docket No.: USCG-2014-0473] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 17, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6654. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zones; Fourth of July Fireworks Displays within the Captain of the Port Charleston Zone, SC [Docket No.: USCG-2014-0471] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 17, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6655. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Partnerships; Start-up Expenditures; Organization and Syndication Fees [TD 9681] (RIN: 1545-BL06) received July 24, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6656. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Basis of Indebtedness of S Corporations to their Shareholders [TD 9682] (RIN: 1545-BG81) received July 24, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6657. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Mixed Straddles; Straddle-by-Straddle Identification Under Section 1092 [TD 9678] (RIN: 1545-BK99) received July 18, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6658. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Allocation and Apportionment of Interest Expense [TD 9676] (RIN: 1545-BJ59) received July 22, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6659. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Update for Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates [Notice 2014-43] received July 18, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6660. A letter from the Board Members, the Federal Old-Age And Survivors Insurance And Federal Disability Insurance Trust Funds, transmitting the 2014 Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age And Survivors Insurance and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Funds, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 401(c)(2), 1395i(b)(2), and 1395t(b)(2); (H. Doc. No. 113—139); to the Com-

mittee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

6661. A letter from the Board of Trustees, Federal Hospital Insurance and Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Funds, transmitting the 2014 Annual Report Of The Boards Of Trustees Of The Federal Hospital Insurance And Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Funds, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 401(c)(2), 1395i(b)(2), and 1395t(b)(2); (H. Doc. No. 113—140); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. ROYCE: Committee on Foreign Affairs. H.R. 1771. A bill to improve the enforcement of sanctions against the Government of North Korea, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 113—560, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SESSIONS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 676. A resolution providing for authority to initiate litigation for actions by the President or other executive branch officials inconsistent with their duties under the Constitution of the United States; with an amendment (Rept. 113—561, Pt. 1). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. ISSA: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 3635. A bill to ensure the functionality and security of new Federal websites that collect personally identifiable information, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 113—562). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 693. A resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4315) to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species of threatened species, and for other purposes (Rept. 113—563). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. MILLER of Florida: Committee of Conference. Conference report on H.R. 3230. A bill making continuing appropriations during a Government shutdown to provide pay and allowances to members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who perform inactive-duty training during such period (Rept. 113—564). Ordered to be printed.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committees on Ways and Means, the Judiciary, Financial Services, and Oversight and Government Reform discharged from further consideration. H.R. 1771 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on House Administration discharged from further consideration. House Resolution 676 referred to the House Calendar, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 693. A resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4315) to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species of threatened species, and for other purposes (Rept. 113—563). Referred to the House Calendar.